

EPR imaging study of paramagnetic centre distribution in thiokol-epoxy hermetics

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Abstract

The distribution of paramagnetic centres in carbon black filler in the interphase layer of the thiokol-epoxy hermetics on the border of brass or glass substrate was studied using EPR-imaging method. It was shown that the relative content of radicals decreases near the hermetic-"rigid" surface contact border. The thickness of the layer with a low concentration of radicals is estimated as 0.5 ± 0.3 mm. The inhomogeneous distribution of radicals is more obvious in the case of hermetic hardening on a brass surface. These results are explained by a catalytic acceleration of the thiokol-epoxy polymerization reaction in the region of hermetic-metal surface contact. © 1996 Springer.

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